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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A container for dispensing individual paper products which are disposed in a cartridge having a slot, the container comprising:

a housing including housing side walls defining an interior area for receiving a plurality of paper products, wherein one of the housing side walls defines a slot;

a spring external to the housing; and

a member engaged to the spring, wherein the member extends through the slot into the interior area of the housing and through a slot in a cartridge disposed within the housing.

Claim 2 (Original) The container of claim 1 further comprising a door hingedly or removably attached to the housing.

Claim 3 (Original) The container of claim 2 wherein the door defines a dispensing opening.

Claim 4 (Original) The container of claim 3 wherein the spring urges the member towards the dispensing opening.

Claim 5 (Original) The container of claim 1 wherein the housing comprises a partial housing side wall.

Claim 6 (Original) The container of claim 1 further comprising a track external to the housing wherein the spring is disposed within the track.

Claim 7 (Original) The container of claim 6 wherein the track extends along the length of the housing.

Claim 8 (Original) The container of claim 1 wherein the member extends substantially from the slot to the opposing housing side wall.

Claim 9 (Original) The container of claim 1 wherein the member extends from the slot to from 1/3 to 1/2 of the distance to the opposing housing side wall.

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Claim 10 (Original) The container of claim 1 further comprising paper products contained within the housing wherein the paper products are urged towards the dispensing opening by the member.

Claim 11 (Original) The container of claim 10 wherein the member applies substantially constant pressure against the paper products.

Claim 12 (Original) A system for dispensing individual paper products, the system comprising:
the container of claim 1; and
a cartridge containing paper products, the cartridge defining a dispensing opening and a second slot wherein the member extends through the second slot into the interior area of the cartridge to contact the paper products and urge the paper products toward the dispensing opening.

Claim 13 (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the cartridge comprises cartridge side walls, a first end wall defining the dispensing opening, and a second end wall opposing the first end wall, wherein the second slot is defined by one of the cartridge side walls and the second end wall.

Claim 14 (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the housing comprises a partial housing side wall.

Claim 15 (Original) The system of claim 14 wherein the cartridge defines an opening for viewing the paper products.

Claim 16 (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the spring applies substantially constant pressure against the paper products.

Claim 17 (Currently amended) A container for dispensing individual paper products which are disposed in a cartridge having a slot, the container comprising:
a housing including side walls defining an interior area for receiving a plurality of paper products, wherein one of the side walls defines a slot;
a means for urging paper products, wherein a first portion of the means for urging paper products is external to the housing, and wherein a second portion of the means for urging paper products extends through the slot into the interior area of the housing and through a slot in a cartridge disposed within the housing to urge the plurality of paper products.

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Claim 18 (Original) A system for dispensing individual paper products, the system comprising:
the container of claim 17; and
a cartridge containing paper products, the cartridge defining a dispensing opening and a second slot wherein the second portion of the means for urging paper products extends through the second slot into the interior area of the cartridge to contact the paper products and urge the paper products toward the dispensing opening.

Claim 19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (New) A cartridge for containing paper products and for dispensing from a container having a housing including side walls defining an interior area for receiving a plurality of paper products and where one of the housing side walls defines a slot, a spring external to the housing, and a member engaged to the spring where the member extends through the slot and into the interior area of the housing, the cartridge comprising:
side walls defining an interior area containing paper products;
a dispensing opening defined within one of the side walls; and
a slot defined within one of the side walls,
wherein when the container is disposed within a container, a member extends through the container and into the interior area of the cartridge and urges the paper products toward the dispensing opening.